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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows.

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In the specification:

On page 1, lines 5-7:

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This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/068,787, filed February 6, 2002 entitled "High Temperature Flexible Cementing Compositions And Methods For Using Same" which ~~This application~~ claims priority to ~~an co-pending~~ United States provisional patent application serial number 60/269,153 filed on February 15, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

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- 25      20. (Original) A fiber-containing cement composition, comprising a hydraulic cement  
base and a natural mineral fiber; wherein said natural mineral fiber is present in an  
amount greater than about 10% by weight of cement; wherein said natural mineral fiber is  
also present in said fiber-containing cement composition in an amount selected to be  
effective so as to result in a cement slurry and a cured cement composition formed from  
30      said cement slurry having a ratio of flexural strength to compressive strength that is

greater than or equal to about 0.35 when said cement slurry is exposed to a temperature of greater than about 180°F; and wherein said natural mineral fiber comprises at least one calcium silicate natural mineral fiber.

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21. (Original) The fiber-containing cement composition of claim 20, wherein said calcium silicate natural mineral fiber comprises at least one of wollastonite, pyrophyllite, almagmatolite, or a mixture thereof.

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22. (Original) The fiber-containing cement composition of claim 20, wherein said calcium silicate natural mineral fiber comprises wollastonite.

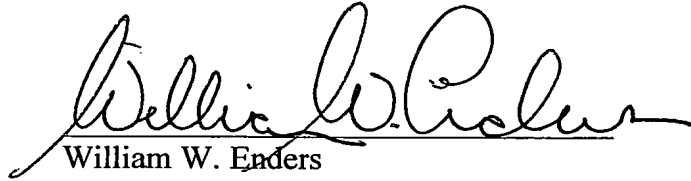
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23. (Original) The fiber-containing cement composition of claim 22, wherein said hydraulic cement base comprises Portland Cement.

**REMARKS**

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Respectfully submitted,

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